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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a program for providing home visits for all
2 families in the state with a newborn child.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 2081XS 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 28.11 FAMILIES WITH A NEWBORN
1 2 CHILD == HOME VISITS.
1 3 1. a. The Iowa empowerment board shall implement a
1 4 program with the goal of making available a home visit for
1 5 each household in the state with a family that has a newborn
1 6 child. The components of the home visit shall include but are
1 7 not limited to assessing the child's home environment,
1 8 educating the families concerning newborn children, and
1 9 assisting families in accessing appropriate services.
1 10 b. The Iowa board shall coordinate with existing programs
1 11 that provide a visit to families with a newborn child as
1 12 necessary to make the best use of resources while expanding
1 13 the availability of home visits.
1 14 2. The home visit program implemented under this section
1 15 shall be administered at the local level through the local
1 16 board of health as defined in section 137.2. The following
1 17 requirements shall apply to local programs receiving funding
1 18 under the program:
1 19 a. Home visits shall be made by qualified and trained
1 20 staff.
1 21 b. The program staff shall demonstrate a capacity to
1 22 competently complete home visits and facilitate referrals to
1 23 and interventions by other resources available in the
1 24 community, based upon needs identified during a home visit.
1 25 c. The local program must have an acceptable plan for
1 26 implementing a cooperative arrangement with local hospitals
1 27 and birthing centers for the hospitals and centers to provide
1 28 referral information for contacting families with a newborn
1 29 child.
1 30 d. The local program must have the capacity to bill third=
1 31 party payors as appropriate and to leverage additional
1 32 resources, such as local cash or in-kind matching
1 33 contributions to sustain and enhance the local program.
1 34 e. The local program must apply performance measures
1 35 identified by the Iowa board and the local program
2 1 administrator and shall report outcome information on a
2 2 regular basis identified by the Iowa board.
2 3 3. The Iowa board shall implement the provisions of this
2 4 section subject to the funding provided for purposes of this
2 5 section.

EXPLANATION

2 7 This bill establishes a program for providing home visits
2 8 for all families in the state with a newborn child.
2 9 New Code section 28.11 directs the Iowa empowerment board
2 10 to implement the program with the goal of making available a
2 11 home visit for each household in the state with a family that
2 12 has a newborn child. The board is required to coordinate this
2 13 program with existing programs providing home visits to
2 14 families with a newborn child.
2 15 The program at the local level is required to use the local
2 16 board of health as administrator. The bill includes
2 17 requirements for the local program. The Iowa empowerment
2 18 board's implementation of the program is subject to the
2 19 funding provided for purposes of the program.
2 20 LSB 2081XS 82

